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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EAGR, SA

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

REF: STATE 223946

1. AMBASSADOR PORTER AND EMBOFFS HAVE PURSUED SUBJECT OF SAG CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) ON VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING DELIVERY OF DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON'S LETTER TO FINANCE MINISTER ABA AL-KHAYL (JIDDA 4054 AND 4102). IN AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT, LETTER TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD PER REFTTEL WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. HRH WOULD ONLY BUCK LETTER DOWN TO MINFIN WHO WOULD SEE IT AS ONLY ONE MORE REQUEST FOR HAND-OUT. EMBASSY SENT SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD UNDER COVER FONMIN NOTE. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR PORTER BELIEVES FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE ALSO NECESSARY IF SAUDI INTEREST IN FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO IFAD IS TO BE AROUSED.

2. HRH PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISAL BIN ABD AL-AZIZ, FONMIN, IS ENTOUTE TO US FOR UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WASHINGTON VISIT. DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO RAISE ISSUE OF
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SAUDI CONTRIBUTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. MENTION MIGHT BE MADE THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, ABDULLAH ALIREZA, IS FAMILIAR WITH IFAD PROBLEM. ALIREZA ONCE INDICATED TO ECONCOUN DURING DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK (STATE 150357) THAT SAG MIGHT BE WILLING TO GO ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR IFAD PROVIDED USG WOULD CEASE PRESSING FOR MONEY FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SPECIFICALLY NOT RPT NOT FOR IRB. ALIREZA IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN CANADA WITH SAG DELEGATION FOR SAUDI-CANADIAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS.

4. AMBASSADOR PORTER SUGGESTS THAT STATE 223946 BE REPEATED TO OTTAWA FOR AMBASSADOR ENDERS AND THAT PERHAPS EMBASSY COULD CONTACT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALIREZA IN RESECT TO SAUDI CONTRIBUTION TO IFAD.
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